

**Date:** October 17, 2024  
**To:** Chair and Members of Heritage Oshawa  
**From:** Pamela Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator  
**Re:** Information from Council – September 23, 2024

At a meeting on September 23, 2024, the Oshawa City Council adopted the following recommendation:

**ED-24-100 Proposed Demolition of 291 Thornton Road North (Previously a Presentation at Heritage Oshawa) (Ward 4)**

That based on Item ED-24-100 being a report from Heritage Oshawa concerning the proposed demolition of 291 Thornton Road North, the following be received for information:

“Whereas farmer, gardener, fruit grower, and beekeeper Isaac French bought 39 acres of Lot 16, Concession 2, East Whitby Township, in 1856; and,

Whereas his descendants lived on the property until 1928; and,

Whereas the house was possibly built by 1861 and later bricked, 291 Thornton Road North represents a traditional form of the mid nineteenth century Gothic Revival style as it appeared in Ontario; and

Whereas the unusual linking of the dwelling to its rear extension, may indicate the use of the extension as a separate dwelling unit; and,

Whereas this residential relic brings a sense of history to a streetscape that has evolved over the centuries from a rural to urban setting; and,

Whereas it still features a large lot with mature landscaping, possibly including some of the fruit trees cultivated by Isaac French;

Therefore Heritage Oshawa recommends the placement of 291 Thornton Road North on the Municipal Heritage Register as a designated property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.”

This item is provided for information to Heritage Oshawa, no further action is required.